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Mr. Gene Lucero Latham & Watkins LLP 633 West Fifth Street, Suite 4000 Los Angeles, California 90071-2007

Dear Mr. Lucero:

Thank you for your letter of May 4, 2004 concerning the former BKK Main Street Landfill in Carson, California. EPA has listed this site in CERCLIS under the name Victoria Golf Course (EPA I.D.# CAD980818926). As you know, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) completed an Expanded Site Investigation (ESI) of the Victoria Golf Course under Section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) in 2001. The purpose of an ESI is to determine whether a site qualifies for the National Priorities List and whether federal response is warranted.

Although EPA has determined that this site is of federal concern under CERCLA, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has agreed to take the lead for oversight of future evaluation and remediation of this Site. EPA agrees with DTSC that this site could be addressed under the State's Site Mitigation Program in lieu of NPL listing. I understand that DTSC will soon be contacting you to discuss next steps. We will be requesting periodic status reports regarding mitigation activities at the site.

I understand that John Scandura with DTSC's Cypress Office is the contact for this project. Mr. Scandura can be reached at (714) 484-5440 If you would like to discuss EPA's role in this matter, please call Betsy Curnow, Chief of the States, Tribes and Site Assessment Section, at 415-972-3093.

Sincerely,

Keith Takata

Director

Superfund Division

cc: Dorothy Rice, Department of Toxic Substances Control John Scandura, Department of Toxic Substances Control Dennis Dickerson, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board